

**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE &
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM**

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
28th January 2018**

**Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers
*Please take this pew sheet home with you!***

Christmas Tree Festival 2018

Thank you to all those who took the time to vote for the theme for the 2018 Christmas Tree Festival. The winning theme will be announced **next Sunday** in the pew sheet as we are still waiting for some of the votes from the Groups and Organisations who take part in our annual Festival.

Food Bank

We have recently received a large quantity of food from the Bexhill Branch, due to a record collection weekend at Tesco Ravenside. Our storage areas are now quite full and there are only a few items we need at present: baked beans, rice pudding, cold meat and fish. We have quite a few small tins of fish (sardines etc.) so some medium/larger tins would be welcome. Thank you. Shelagh and Helen

Drivers needed urgently !

In view of increased numbers of non-drivers, we urgently need more volunteers to give lifts to St Mary's for the 9.30 am service on Sundays. If you think you might be able to help regularly once or twice a month, or just occasionally when others are away, do please contact me: David Ormrod

Church Website(www.stmarysbattle.org.uk) If you have information to be entered or updated on the website, please forward to webmaster@stmarysbattle.org.uk

PEW SHEETS

If you have anything you would like included in next week's pew sheet please e-mail pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk **deadline date for pew sheets 9pm Wednesday evenings.**

Parish Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, please grow Your kingdom here in our parish. Fill our worship with Your living presence and help us to experience You touching and transforming our lives. Help us to know You better and give us the confidence to trust You more. Help us to work with You in drawing people into this church, and to welcome them when they come. Especially we pray that new families and children may find the love of Jesus here, and the joy of knowing Him as their Saviour and Lord. Amen

Collects of the Day

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Or

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary’s **Revd. P. Messenger**

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary’ **Revd. Simon.Earl**

Readings: **Malachi 3:1-5 (p.961)**

Luke 2:22-40 (p.1028)

Hymns: **150, 469, 555, 483 & 62 (*Songs of Fellowship*)**

*(Between these services all are warmly invited for refreshments
in the Benedicta Whistler Centre)*

11.00am Modern Service – St Mary’s **Mrs Alison Hassell**

Join us for this relaxed and less formal time of worship for all ages.
All words for the service, including both Bible readings and songs,
will be displayed on the screen.

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10.00am Holy Communion **Rt Revd N Reade**

Readings: **Malachi 3 v 1-5**
 Hebrews Ch 2 v 14-end
 Luke 2 v 22-40

Psalm: **48 v 1-7**

Services on Sunday 4th February 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion **St Marys**

9.30am Parish Communion **St Marys**

10.00am Holy Communion **Telham**

11.00am Modern Service **St Marys**

6.00pm Choral Evensong **St Marys**

Service Times at Church of Ascension, Telham

All services in January will commence at **10.00am** and not as advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Every weekday morning at 8.00 am to 8.25am St Mary’s

The early morning prayer group meet each weekday morning in the St Catherine Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join with us.

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am

Everyone is invited to share communion with this small friendly congregation in the Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre

Prayer List

Please pray for: All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are no longer able to attend church, those known to us personally and those known only to our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to add a name to the weekly prayer list, please contact Alison Hassell.

The Year of Prayer

As a part of the Global 24/7 Prayer initiative during 2017/2018 members of St Mary’s Church will be praying for the people, businesses and community throughout the town. The aim is to cover the whole town in Prayer between the start of Advent in 2017 to the start of Advent in 2018. You are invited to join us as we pray for this week, **28th January for Catsfield Road.**

Friday Fellowship – 26th January

We meet at the home of Alison Hassell, 14 Bowmans Drive, Battle starting at **7.30pm**. *Any enquiries Norman Nuthall*